

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 982

By Stewart

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lettus Grover Eads of  
Adamsville, Alabama.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Lettus Grover Eads of Adamsville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, born on November 2, 1925, Lettus Eads was the firstborn child of Grover Washington Eads and Flora Lee Couch; and

WHEREAS, a child of the Great Depression, he witnessed hardships and tribulations that we today cannot fathom. Forged by these fires and the war to come, L.G. Eads and his generation would properly be named The Greatest Generation; and

WHEREAS, answering the call of service to his country, L.G. Eads volunteered in the U.S. Navy and the Naval Reserve. He ably served aboard the USS Sands, the USS John R. Craig, and the USS LSM(R) 406, risking his life and leaving his loved ones behind to honorably and heroically safeguard the freedoms and liberties of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, returning from service, Lettus Eads met and wed the love of his life, Lois Caddell Eads; together they would face the world as one, see the birth of three sons, and celebrate over forty years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, following the loss of his beloved wife in 1994, Lettus Eads drew strength from his family and friends; Violet Spencer became a special friend and confidant; and

WHEREAS, truly appreciating the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership, L.G. Eads was a 50-year Mason; he was a District Lecturer and a member of the Zamora Temple, and a 40-year member of Ironworker Local 92; and

WHEREAS, this is a time of sympathy but not of sorrow; this is a time of celebration of a life lived to its fullest. L.G. Eads never met a stranger, and his wit and wisdom will be fondly remembered and enjoyed by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, somewhere a game of Rook just became a lot more interesting, as family and friends are now reunited; and somewhere young-at-heart ladies are having their days brightened by a winning smile, a wink, and the perfect compliment; and

WHEREAS, while no offering can properly relay our gratitude for his bravery in service to this country and his dedication to preserving the blessed freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, or our admiration of his loyalty to family and friends, it is most appropriate that this General Assembly should pause to honor and remember the incredible life of this exceptional veteran, public servant, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Lettus Grover Eads, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to his family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we stand and offer a last salute to L.G. Eads, a true member of The Greatest Generation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.